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DENTAC closed

The U.S. Army Dental Activity will close at 8:30 a.m., today, for Organization Day activities. Sick call hours will be from 7:15-8 a.m. Emergency dental patients should call the Prime Time Clinic at 533-9200 to notify them of the emergency.

Trust Fund established

The funerals for Tammy and Glenn Quatacker were held May 16 in Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, the family is accepting donations for a trust fund (Acct #02711658) that was set up for the four Quatacker children. The Trust Fund address is as follows:

Quatacker Children Trust Fund,
Polish National Credit Union, 49 W.
State St., Granby, Ma. 01033

Fuel up at AAFES

Effective Friday, all GSA, non-tactical vehicles, utilizing unleaded fuel, must be fueled at the AAFES Gas Station on post. Diesel fuel will continue to be dispensed at the POL point on Carter street. Off-post gas stations accepting the GSA, Voyager Credit Card, may be used for unleaded gas fueling when AAFES is closed or in emergency situations. This change is in compliance with GSA, Amendment, No. 1, Memorandum of Agreement, No. 96-09-13-02. For information, call Tom Sochan, installation transportation officer, at 533-1434.

City offices closed

The following City of Sierra Vista facilities will be closed on Monday in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday: City Hall, the Sierra Vista Public Library, the Ethel Berger Center, the Oscar Yrun Community Center and the Animal Control Facility. There will be regular trash pickup on Monday.

Fort Apache reunion unites tribes, troops

By Charles Slaymaker
Post Archeologist

The "Great Fort Apache Reunion," held at Fort Apache, Ariz. May 19-22, brought together members of the Fort Apache and White Mountain Apache tribes.

"In bringing together all people who have participated in the Fort Apache history, we hope to reunite the diverse groups and boost the healing needed to realize the Tribe's vision for the Fort Apache Cultural Center," said Dallas Massey, Chairman, White Mountain Apache Tribe said.

"We hope to advance the public awareness of the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation which has embarked on an ambitious campaign to gather financial support and partnerships to further the restoration and preservation of this valuable cultural asset to Arizona and the nation," he said.

The main theme of the reunion was reconciliation and healing to move Fort Apache and the White Mountain Apache Tribe beyond past tragedies and bitterness to a new future.

The audience was entertained by performances from B-Troop's equestrian demonstration; Crown Dancer Jamboree in Center of Parade Ground; several sporting events; and a reunion of all classes of the Theodore Roosevelt School involving students and staff. There were also living history exhibits featuring Apache camps and scouts; Buffalo Soldiers, cavalry reenactors and live demonstrations of dance, music, arts and crafts, storytelling and traditional foods.

Knifewing, a Chiricahua Apache actor and songwriter, coordinated the main stage enter-



Photo by Maj. Daniel Williams

Apache girls, dressed in traditional attire, joined the parade in honor of the Great Fort Apache Reunion.

tainment which featured performances by his group, the "Sneezy Boys," Ramon Riley and Apache Spirit. The 36th Army Band performed at a barbecue on May 19 and 20.

Past is present at Fort Apache

The distinctive experiences of the American Indians, the U.S. Army, the Buffalo Soldiers, Hispanic and Anglo American Settlers, Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel, and others have dramatically shaped the United States of America, the Southwest, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

To many native Americans, Fort Apache symbolizes the powerful and transforming contacts between very different people. Once a busy hub of activity, Fort Apache now lingers on the margins of the White Mountain Apache Tribe-Fort Apache Indian Reserva-

tion community. After serving American Indians for countless generations as an important farming site, in 1870 the place above the junction of the East and North Forks of the White River, became an outpost the Army later called Fort Apache.

The reunion this week was more than just a coming together of people. The Reunion was intended as an opportunity for a convergence of cultural, spiritual, intellectual, economic, and political forces ... all focused on inaugurating a new era in the history of Fort Apache. The Reunion was a beginning to return Fort Apache to active duty service to the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Apache Nation, Native America, and the United States as a whole.

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Army Band hosts summer concerts

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The 36th Army Band will participate in the Summer Concert in the Park series sponsored by Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Services this year. These concerts are free and open to the public.

The concert band starts the series June 1 at 7 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park in Sierra Vista and returns June 15 and July 13. The sounds of jazz will fill the park June 22 with the stage band. The band will also perform during the Sierra Vista annual July 4th festivities.

The 36th Army Band is the only active duty military band in Arizona and is in great demand for parades, concerts, tours and other community events, as well as numerous military functions. The band travels more than 30,000 mile per year through the southwestern United States, fulfilling its musical commitments.

Post holds Memorial Day ceremony

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

Fort Huachuca honors America's veterans in a Memorial Day ceremony, Monday, at 11:30 a.m. at the post cemetery. This year's ceremony is dedicated to an unknown soldier.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general, is the guest speaker. Wreaths will be laid by Maj. Gen. Thomas, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Widowed Support Center, Gold Star Wives of Tucson, and the Society of Military Widows. The 36th Army Band will provide music.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. Due to limited parking at the cemetery, attendees are requested to park at Christie Avenue and use the shuttle bus or make the short walk to the event. Handicap parking is available at the cemetery.

The Scout's Chaplain

So long, Scout!

By Chap. (Col.) Thomas R. Decker
Installation Staff Chaplain

Okay, Scout, there comes a time to kick dirt on the fire, pack the saddlebags and point the horse toward the next camp.

My wife Jan and I have been here a little over four years, and now we head north for the next duty station.

It's been a joy to write a weekly comment on the Fort Huachuca's weather, wildlife, soldiers, the winners and the losers. Sometimes Looper, the faithful all-Army dog, crept into a column but mostly it's been soldier stuff with a word about the goodness of God.

The Scout's Chaplain has been written for the masses. Regrettably some lamented, "Not Christian enough!" but most people — except die-hard atheists — could identify with the nudges to consider the goodness of the Lord.

Chaplains fretted a few years ago when the Army agonized about which values would best serve the Army. Chaplains — and others — worried that the Army values would erode true religious faith. Perhaps some still believe that, but it's not born out in experience.

The values of faith will endure be-

cause they are the bedrock of all that the Army intends with its core values — take care of people, and you do the right thing; do the right thing, and you fulfill your role as a leader, a soldier.

The stuff of faith, hope and love are those bedrock values, and they are eternal. There is a charge here to believe that God is good in all of life, that we have reason to hope even when days are dark, and that we are connected one to another in spite of the differences.

Jesus said it well, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Faith and hope are gifts of a gracious God to give even poor sinners the ability to love their neighbor, and in doing so, to love themselves.

We all would do well to tend the fires of our camp with that thought in mind.

Your faith makes for a solid Army, and more than that, it is the foundation of life itself. So,

*May your fires be warm,
And your troubles few;
May God bring you rest
When you stand the test;
And as you walk towards the Light
May you never mind the night.*

So long, old Scout.
Chaplain Tom Decker

Taking a bite out of crime

DPS creates Crime Prevention section

DPS release

As of March 2000, a new section has been started within the Directorate of Public Safety on Fort Huachuca known as Crime Prevention.

Due to some rising crime related statistics, it was deemed necessary to start a section dedicated to identifying trends, formulating plans, and putting those plans into action.

Some plans being implemented are a neighborhood watch program, a dedicated telephone number hotline for non-

emergency criminal information, and set up and conduct of crime prevention briefings to better educate the community on what we can do to deter crime and criminals.

By increasing awareness and being proactive to deter criminal activity, we can make Fort Huachuca a safer, more secure environment for all.

The Crime Prevention point of contact is Sgt. Robert Goodrich, located at Building 31032, across from the Military Police Station, or call 533-8832.

Letter to the Editor

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in bringing Kansas and Foreigner to Fort Huachuca and the surrounding communities. Not only have you "out done" yourselves this time, now all the generation "Xers" and "Ys" will be able to hear what REAL music sounds like from a band out of the 70's. The best decade EVER for the best rock music. In fact since Old Tucson is having two other bands that are not as good as Kansas/Foreigner — the people putting this gig together could possibly get people from as far away as Tucson, Wilcox and Benson because KHIT 107.5 (second to none) is even promoting it on their station.

Again, Fort Huachuca — a big "Thank you!"
Sincerely,

*Gary Nations, retired Army
Sierra Vista*

Commentary

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

I swear I'm not making this up.

I just read a story that links the price of beer to the spread of gonorrhea. Apparently, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study (which was released April 27) compared the changes in gonorrhea rates to the changes in alcohol policy in all states from 1981 to 1995.

The study shows gonorrhea rates dropping among young people as taxes on beer increased or when the drinking ages were raised. Health economists believe that alcohol is related to "risky sexual behavior," but beer industry lobbyists believe that the taxes don't effect drinking habits and young people are drinking more responsibly partially because of efforts by brewers.

Here's the stats, based on the analyzed drop in gonorrhea rates following different tax increases (coming up with a 20-cent average, although various states raised beer taxes 36 times). Following the average of 20-cent raise over 26 times, gonorrhea rates dropped 24 times in the 15 to 19

age group. Among the 20 - 24 year olds the rates dropped 26 times.

I've read this a few times I'm still not sure what this means. I think it means that out of an AVERAGE of 36 tax raises, the gonorrhea rates dropped an AVERAGE of 24 percent for 15 - 19 year olds and an AVERAGE of 26 percent for the 20 - 24 age group. I actually thought this article was a joke the first time I read it.

Does it sound real to you? Doesn't this sound like a couple of grad students got together and tried to figure out some barely feasible project to milk federal funding? After a few years, they had to come up with some connection. "Beer and gonorrhea, there's got to be a connection!"

There are military units screaming for money to update small arms and weapons systems and the government pays for a study that can't responsibly claim what it is trying to. Take the years involved - 1981 to 1995. Of course STD rates would drop. America is just starting to come out of the free love era by '81 and there was finally some educational responsibility regarding sex, drugs and alcohol.

Let's not take into consideration that sex education in schools was becoming a top priority during this time period. Let's not take into consideration that drug and alcohol education had become a priority in schools and throughout our culture.

No. Just beer and gonorrhea. Those are the only two things that could possibly be linked together.

I can just picture a 16-year-old boy waiting to go out, hoping that his "date" will be receptive to his offerings of beer. But wait! There's a new 20-cent per six-pack tax. Now the teen is unable to afford that half-case of beer.

That's about as implausible as thinking kids don't drink at all. Our processes of communication and education have been working. Beer taxes don't have jack to do with whether or not a teen is going to drink and then participate in risky sexual behavior.

Beer, taxes and STDs are going to be around for a good long time. What we need to do is educate and communicate with our youth. It's the ONLY way we'll ensure a happy and healthy future for them.

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Reenlistments

The following soldiers reenlisted during the month of May.

111th Military Intelligence Brigade

305th MI Battalion

Spc. Jeffery L. Couch, Company A
Spc Erik M. Earley, Company B

309th MI Bn.

Staff Sgt. Glenn P. Emery, Company E

306th MI Bn.

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304th MI Bn.

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9th Signal Bn.

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11th Signal Bde.

504th Signal Bn.

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86th Signal Bn.

Spc Dikeatta L. Holmes, HHC

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Command Sgt. Maj. Paul R. Rodrigues
Sgt. Gregory T. Smith

Thunderbird cooks take local Connelly Award

*By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff*

Military cooks assigned to the 11th Signal Brigade won this year’s Phillip A. Connelly competition, here, edging out the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade’s Virginia Dining Hall by seven points.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Donald Craig, the Installation’s Food Advisor, this is the 33rd year of the Connelly Awards competition.

Col. Michael D. Boardman, garrison commander, presented trophies to the two dining facility staff last week. Boardman said to the Thunderbird Dining Facility staff, “In my book 95 is an ‘A’ and that’s what you scored out of a possible 100 points on the evaluation.”

Three noncommissioned officers on the Thunderbird staff were recognized by Boardman when he said each had a Letter of Appreciation in the mail to them. They were Sgt. 1st Class Efrom Gex, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Shamberger and Staff Sgt. Sedwich Price.

The 11th Signal Brigade’s cooks have an established winning record in the annual Connelly Awards competition having won here in 1999 and placing second at the Department of the Army (Culinary Arts) level in the Field Cooking category. In 1998, the Thunderbirds came home with a third place Bronze medal. In this year’s local competition, the Thunderbird Dining Facility scored 95 points out of a possible 100.

Virginia Dining Facility scored 88 points. How-

ever, Boardman pointed out the great improvements seen at the MI Village eatery over the last several months.

“There has been a 125 percent improvement in the services and quality of food offered to the soldiers,” he said. “This has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by your primary customers.”

The Connelly Award program is designed to recognize the overall improved professionalism of food service personnel and their excellence in food service preparation.

“The days of the old Army Mess Hall are gone, even in a field environment,” said Craig. “Today’s Army cooks are some of the most profes-

sional chefs available anywhere.” Craig’s duties as the fort’s food advisor include providing training programs for all military cooks assigned here. “We have some of the best trained soldier cooks in the culinary arts today.”

Richard “Mr. Q” Quattlebaum, manager of the Virginia Hall facility said he was proud of his staff and their efforts this year. Quattlebaum assumed his current position last November and said he loves it here.

“I have good people who do an exceptional job of preparing the daily menus,” he said. “I can’t point to any one person and he or she has contributed more than another person. Our whole crew is responsible for our achievements, its not a one man or person job.”

The Thunderbird chefs will now represent Fort Huachuca at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command’s Connelly competition later this month.

“The days of the old Army Mess Hall are gone, even in a field environment. Today’s Army cooks are some of the most professional chefs available anywhere.”

Chief Warrant Officer Donald Craig

Units participate in Safety Stand Down Day

*By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff*

Soldiers and civilian employees here joined with other installations within the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command for a Safety Stand Down Day Tuesday.

All units assigned to TRADOC participated in the mandatory SSDD activities. In a message to the field, Lt. Gen. John N. Abrams, TRADOC’s commanding general, encouraged participation by partner units.

On SSDD, unit commanders devoted the entire day to accident prevention training activities and provided emphasis on evaluating their internal accident prevention training and risk management procedures.

At the company level, safety inspections of privately owned vehicles belonging to soldiers and civilian employees were conducted. Also, unit commanders conducted safety inspections of their facilities, including work areas, administrative areas, and billets.

Copies of the finished inspections were sent to the Safety Division, ATZS-PSO.

Commanders and supervisors conducted pre-holiday accident prevention and summer safety briefings during SSDD, and ensured that their personnel attended the



Photo by Stan Williamson

Soldiers listened to a gun safety briefing at the SSDD Exposition Tuesday at Murr Community Center.

SSDD Exposition at the Murr Community Center.

Leaders were encouraged to organize and accomplish supplemental unit activities that support accident prevention and risk management as appropriate to their personnel or missions.

The Directorate of Public Safety was busy on Safety Stand Down Day conducting random vehicle safety checks throughout the installation. Members of the DPS also planned and presented the safety exposition at the Murr Community Center.

Commander’s Hotline

Call

A complaint received over the Commander’s Hotline from an Army retiree living in Sierra Vista concerning dental care for his spouse. The caller stated that his wife had gone to the Runion Dental Clinic to have her teeth worked on at a 10 a.m. Saturday appointment made some two months earlier. At the clinic she was told that the Army no longer provides dental treatment for retirees and their spouses.

The caller stated that his wife had already began a treatment program with the fort’s DENTAC facility. However, now, in the midst of her treatment she is told they will no longer provide services for her. The caller said he thought that since her treatment had been started by the Army, the Army should follow through and complete this treatment program, which involve teeth with five cavities.

Response

Lt. Col. Glen Fallo, Officer in Charge, Runion Dental Clinic provided the following response:

I would like to take this opportunity to address your request for routine dental care for your wife. Before May 6, 2000 the 7220th Medical Support Unit, a U.S. Army Reserve dental unit, provided a limited number of scheduled dental appointments to retirees and

their family members during their monthly Saturday drill time. Unfortunately, continuing staff reductions at Runion Dental Clinic and alarming decreasing trends in soldier dental readiness across Fort Huachuca have forced us to curtail, indefinitely, scheduled routine dental care for retired beneficiaries on Saturdays by the 7220th MSU.

As of May 6th the 7220th will now focus their efforts on treating Military Intelligence student-soldiers. This is necessary because this group routinely has the lowest level of dental readiness on Fort Huachuca. Furthermore, because of a demanding academic schedule, these soldiers often find it difficult to attend dental appointments during the week. Saturday clinic hours are ideally suited to their schedule and will afford us an additional opportunity to improve the dental readiness and health of this patient population.

Even though the policy to treat MI students became effective on May 6, the 7220th still accommodated retired beneficiaries who had previously scheduled dental appointments. Your wife was included in this group. I have reviewed your wife’s dental record and indeed she received a dental exam on May 6. Her treatment plan is incomplete, as she did not have x-rays taken because of the possibil-

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CENTCOM's Tilley named as sergeant major of Army

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera and Army Chief of Staff Eric K. Shinseki announced that Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley has been selected to be the 12th sergeant major of the Army.

For the last two years, Tilley has been serving as command sergeant major for U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. He has 32 years of experience with the Army as an armored cavalryman, including a combat tour in Vietnam.

Tilley was sworn in Tuesday after Sgt. Maj. of the Army Robert E. Hall retired. Hall, who also served at U.S. Central Command before coming to the Pentagon, has been sergeant major of the Army since Oct. 13, 1997. Hall was extended a year when Shinseki took office last June. Hall retired Monday, after 32 years of service.

As sergeant major of the Army, Tilley will serve as personal advisor to the Army chief of staff on all enlisted-related mat-

ters, particularly in areas affecting soldier training, noncommissioned officer leader development and soldier and family well-being.

The sergeant major of the Army devotes the majority of his time travelling throughout the Army observing training, and talking to soldiers and their families. He listens to their concerns and provides the chief of staff feedback and recommendations for the forces' well-being. He also sits on a wide variety of councils and boards that make decisions affecting enlisted soldiers and their families and is routinely invited to testify before Congress.

Tilley entered the Army at Fort Lewis, Wash., in 1966. He served in Vietnam as an armor crewman and scout driver for A Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, in September 1971. Since then, he has served in every position from squad leader to command sergeant major of the 1st Armored Division. He also served as command sergeant major for Task Force Eagle in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Tilley spent much of his career serving in Germany and Fort Knox, Ky. He served at Knox as tank commander, instructor, operations sergeant, battalion and later brigade command sergeant major with the 194th Separate Armored Brigade. He also served tours at Fort Polk, La.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Fort Benning, Ga.

Prior to his assignment at U.S. Central Command, he was command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Arlington, Va.

His military schools include the Drill Sergeant School, Master Gunner Course, First Sergeant Course and the Sergeants Major School, where he graduated from Class 28 in 1987.

His awards include three Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star with V Device, three Meritorious Service Medals, Vietnam Service Medal and Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, two Overseas Service Ribbons, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Drill Sergeant's Badge and Parachutist's Badge.



Army photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley is the 12th sergeant major of the Army.

He is married to the former Gloria Smith and they have two sons, Brian and Kevin

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ity that she may have been pregnant. She has not had any actual treatment performed in our clinic according to her dental record.

Although we no longer provide scheduled treatment for retired beneficiaries, your wife is eligible to wait stand-by for space available care. In other words, if a soldier does not show up for a dental appointment and our staff cannot place another soldier in that appointment slot, then a retired beneficiary can receive limited care during that appointment time. What type of dental treatment can retirees expect to receive with stand-by care? Retirees can expect to receive care that can be accomplished in a single visit. Examples include examinations, cleanings, fillings, simple extractions, and minor emergency treatment. Complex, multi-appointment dental procedures are not feasible during stand-by care. Examples include crown and bridge procedures, dentures, partials, deep scaling and root planing, periodontal surgery, and root canal treatment.

If your wife is interested in waiting stand-by for space available care, she should come into the clinic and inform our receptionists. She must have a completed dental record to include all necessary x-rays and a thorough dental examination before any actual treatment is rendered. Moreover, if our dentists have any questions or concerns regarding her overall health, a medical consult and clearance from a physician may be necessary before any care is received.

At Runion Dental Clinic we typically experience a 10 percent no-show rate. Realize, however, that our staff is instructed to make every attempt possible to place another soldier into a no-show appointment slot first. Just because you sign-up for stand-by care does not guarantee that you will receive any treatment on any given day. Furthermore, the initiation of treatment on patients in a space available category does not obligate us to complete the entire treatment plan.

While space available care is an option, please realize that it could take weeks or even months of waiting stand-by every day to have all qualified dental procedures completed. A more practical option is to enroll in the Tricare Retiree Dental Program. This is a dental insurance plan created by Congress and administered by Delta Dental exclusively for Uniformed Service retirees and their family members. For information and to enroll call 1-888-838-8737, or e-mail: ddpenroll@delta.org, or visit their comprehensive website at www.ddpdelta.org.

Thank you very much for allowing me the chance to address your concerns regarding dental care for retired beneficiaries.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Anthony L. Reed, ASC PAO NCOIC

Army Signal Command Equal Opportunity Advisor Sgt. 1st Class Martin Mayhew prepares to cut the main course of the festivities.

Asian Pacific heritage

The theme for the year 2000 Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration was "Voices for the Millennium." This year's celebration took place on Friday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Fort Huachuca Main Exchange.

Events included sharing Asian and Pacific Islander culture through food tasting, dancing, martial arts and exhibitions. All the festivities were free and were enjoyed by everyone who attended.

(At right) Couples perform traditional Asian Pacific heritage dances.



AAFES opens new Garden Center

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

The new Garden Center next to the AAFES Furniture Store was opened to the public, Friday, following a ribbon cutting ceremony. Customers were treated to a “Grand Opening Sale” offering a wide variety of merchandise.

During the Grand Opening Day, over 1,500 customers visited the Garden Center and purchased over \$7,500 in merchandise.

The Garden Center, under the management of Isabelita Parco, provides over 9,500 square feet of sales floor space, which is three times the space formerly available in the Main Exchange location.

Getting ready for the grand opening required a lot of teamwork and determination to be ready on Friday. According to Marshall Bickerstaff, AAFES manager of the Main Post Exchange store, the fixtures needed to display the sales merchandise did not arrive until the week before the opening.

“With the fixtures arriving late, volunteer associates from the Main Exchange and volunteers from Connie [Carter]’s [AAFES general manager] administrative office staff put their daily duties aside and pulled together to assemble the merchandise displays, unpack shipments and stock shelves in record time for the opening ceremony,” he said.

“Our customers will find all their gardening needs here, under one roof,” said Carter. The Garden Center’s inventory will carry over 4000 line items such as potting soil, gardening tools, lawn mowers, outdoor furniture, fountains, grills, pool and picnic supplies, and a large selection of both indoor and outdoor plants.

“We even have grass seed that is recommended for this area because it is drought resistant. If an item can’t be found, we can special order it for the customer,” she said.

Representatives from Fort Huachuca’s Water Wise and Energy Smart Office, Cheri Melton and Ginger Maxey, assisted customers between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. following the Grand Opening on Friday.

According to Maxey, they provided informational brochures on the selection, planting and care of low water use drought tolerant plants particularly suited to the climate of Fort Huachuca, many of which are available in the Garden Center.

Maxey and Melton will also be offering free seminars to AAFES customers on various gardening topics in the future. “We handed out survey forms at the grand opening to find out what customers would like to know, if they’d be interested in attending a free training session, and what days, times, and topics of interest appeal to them the most,” Maxey said.

After she compiles the information, Maxey will coordinate with the Garden Center manager to schedule the classes.

During the grand opening, Maxey and Melton spoke to customers about using items that are carried by AAFES, like soaker hoses, drip irrigation (for folks who live off-post), container pots for planting things that require a little extra care (hydrangeas, camellias, azaleas, which require more water and acidic soil), and spray nozzles for conserving water.



Photo by Stan Williamson

High desert plants are among the various items available at the new AAFES Garden Center.

“Being Water Wise,” Maxey said, “means being knowledgeable about how to water plants, and what plants to buy and use for landscaping and gardening in a desert environment.”

According to Maxey, it’s important for everyone to be educated on the wise use of water for gardening and growing landscape plants. Knowing what plants to select, and the care of native and native-adapted “high desert” plants, which require minimal care and water, can be beneficial to everyone.

“But,” she said, “many of the customers may not be familiar with these plants. Customers can benefit from the free seminars we plan to offer because they will have greater success with their plants when they learn what plants do the best in this climate, the watering requirements of the plants, and the best time of year to plant.”

She pointed out that Fort Huachuca and the local area will benefit from the water conservation effect of using native and native-adapted plants, and the plants beautify the area as well.

In preparing for the opening of the Garden Center, Maxey and Melton consulted with AAFES management to help them select low water use high desert plants to feature in their store.

“We have provided training sessions to AAFES personnel on the climate, soils and plants of the high desert,” Maxey said. “We also provided training on caring for nursery stock, and on marketing and care of house plants.”

The Water Wise crew will be providing AAFES employees with additional training on fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. “We also recommended some excellent supplier nurseries from which they could order beautiful, flowering, low water use plants and shrubs,” Maxey said. “AAFES has been using these nurseries for the past few months with great success.”

Both Maxey and Melton see their work at the Garden Center as being a mutual educational cooperation between the Water Wise program and AAFES.

“It should prove to help AAFES continue to serve ‘the best customers in the world,’ and help the Water Wise program to spread the word about Water Wise gardening.”

Dealing with that snake in the grass

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. service members are based around the world and spend a lot of time in the bush. It’s almost inevitable they will confront poisonous snakes.

But snakes, especially poisonous snakes in the United States, are generally shy and are generally as scared of you as you are of them.

In 1989, the most recent year for snakebite statistics worldwide, there were 300,000 reported snakebites. They resulted in 30,000 deaths — 20,000 in India, said Bela Demeter, a biologist with the department of herpetology at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Zoological Park in Washington. In the United States, 7,000 venomous snakebites are reported annually resulting in 15 fatalities.

Prevention is the best cure. Males ages 15 to 30 suffer the most venomous snakebites, and most of them occur on the arms from the hand to elbow.

“What’s that say to you?” asked Bill Kane, director of education at SOLO, the wilderness education center in Conway, N.H. “It means these guys are picking up poisonous snakes.”

“Just leave them alone,” he said. The Centers for Disease Control statistics agree with Kane. The CDC classifies about 3,000 of the snakebites per year as “illegitimate,” meaning “these bites occurred while the victim was handling or molesting the snake.” CDC statistics show that 85 percent of “legitimate” snakebites in the United States occur below the knee.

Even if a poisonous snake bites you, you’ve got a 50-50 chance that no venom is injected. Rattlesnakes, cottonmouths and copperheads are pit vipers and are the most common poisonous snakes in America. “They only inject venom when they are striking to eat something,” Kane said. “They are not going to eat something the size of a human, so 40 to 50 percent of the time these are dry bites.”

Demeter said snake strikes against humans are generally defensive. “About half of snake bites tend to be dry bites,” he said. “If you are bitten, you would know pretty quickly whether poison was injected or not.”

If the snake injected venom, the victim will feel intense, burning pain and swelling around the holes.

The one piece of first aid people should remember is to not panic. What people need to do is to receive treatment as soon as possible after being bitten, Demeter said.

DoD officials said military medics carry antivenom. A soldier, sailor, airman or Marine bitten by a poisonous snake is generally only minutes away from treatment. Antivenom is an equine serum; persons sensitive to vaccines from horses could have an allergic reaction.

Treatment for snakebite has changed over the years. Accepted practice no longer involves making X-cuts at or above the fang marks and sucking the poison out with your mouth.

The most commonly recommended treatment today is to keep the bite area immobilized below the level of the heart.

Get the victim to a hospital as quickly as possible. Antivenom serum is the only sure cure, and because some people are allergic to horse serum it should only be given in a fully equipped medical facility.

Have we got news for you!
Read it in the Fort Huachuca Scout.

Community Updates

Clinical merger

Medical Boards Section and Physical Exams have joined forces and are now located in the Ambulatory wing of the Health Center across from the Physical Therapy Department. Signs have been placed in the Main Lobby of the Health Center. All ETS'ing soldiers must complete their physical exam six months prior to signing out of Fort Huachuca. Retirement physicals must be completed 120 days prior to signing out of Fort Huachuca.

Briefings for physical exams take place at 6:15 a.m. daily. Soldiers must be on time for this briefing.

As a reminder, all soldiers will still do physical training upon completion of their physical exam, unless otherwise stated by the physician.

CID needs your help

Fort Huachuca's Criminal Investigation Division is seeking information concerning a larceny, which took place on the installation.

Between 8 p.m. April 15, and 5:55 a.m. April 17, person(s) unknown, unlawfully entered the fenced compound of the contracted waste disposal company, located off Brainard Road and took an arc welder, gas welder, and a Hosty brand steam cleaner, serial number C525711297.

This is the second larceny occurring at this compound in a three-month time frame. Anyone with knowledge of this crime is asked to contact Special Agent Rich McDowell at 538-1381 or 533-5202. The identity of all callers providing information will be kept confidential.

MEDDAC training holiday

A military training holiday is authorized by the MEDDAC commander for all military personnel on Friday. Civilian personnel will take compensatory time or annual leave. As a result, there will be a change in some MEDDAC supported services as follows:

Pharmacy at the PX will be closed. RWBAHC Pharmacy will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Prime Time Clinic will operate as normally scheduled for a training holiday, noon-8 p.m.. The MIVAS will operate on weekend sick call hours.

Pharmacy closed, briefings set

Pharmacy will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday (Post training holiday.)

RWBAHC Commander, Col. Ronald Jones, will be holding public briefings for the MI and Signal communities concerning the reengineering of primary care services. All beneficiaries are encouraged to attend one of the following meetings held at the Murr Community Center:

Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., June 1 at 3:30 p.m. and June 2 at 11:30 a.m. Additional meetings will be scheduled later in the summer.

BRT summer auditions

Bisbee Repertory Theatre will hold auditions for their Theater for Young Actors and Teen Conservatory on Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. at the theater, 94 Main Street. Children ages 7 to 12 will produce a musical version of "The Emperor's New Clothes" in four weeks of workshops, June 20-July 13. They will perform July 14-16.

The Teen Conservatory, for actors aged 13 and up, will produce an improvisational show through theater games. Theater games allow actors to create many characters and situations with both comedy and drama. Workshops will be July 17-Aug. 10 and performances will be Aug. 11-13.

Young people with experience and newcomers to theater alike will enjoy these workshops. Auditioners should come with parents, wear clothes they can move in and be prepared to be active and have fun. Tuition for these programs is \$40, but scholarships are available for anyone who needs one.

For information, call 432-3786.

Adopt a Greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will conduct a Greyhound Adoption Day on Saturday for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The adoption day will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. This will be a medieval adoption day, with volunteers dressed in their finest garb.

For information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Council meeting set

The next meeting of the PX/Commissary Council is scheduled for 3 p.m., Tuesday at Murr Community Center. All units and activities on post are invited to send a unit representative to these meeting for the purpose of presenting problems or complaints and to share with their unit personnel the topics and discussions of the meeting. All PX/Commissary Council meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month, every two months.

Adult b-ball coaches meet

The Sierra Vista Parks & Leisure Services will be conducting a 3-on-3 Adult Basketball League Coaches Meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Oscar Yrun Community Center. Coaches are reminded to bring their league entry fee of \$100 and team rosters. For information, call 458-7922.

Wine tasting/art auction

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club is sponsoring an international wine and gourmet hors d'oeuvres tasting social and art auction. The event is being held at the LakeSide Activity Centre, June 2. The wine/hors d'oeuvres tasting is slated for 6 to 8 p.m. and the art auction will begin at 8 p.m. The auction is cosponsored by the Huachuca Art Association.

Both events are open to the public. The

art auction is free, but there is a \$20 fee for the wine/hors d'oeuvres tasting. Tickets may be purchased at the LakeSide or at the West End Gallery on Fry Boulevard.

The tasting social profits will go to Fort Huachuca's Morale, Welfare and Recreation and art auction proceeds (profits above the minimum bids) go to the OCSC disbursement funds which benefit the local community in the way of scholarships and other charitable functions.

For information, call Marc Brous at 459-7733 or Carolyn Boardman at 515-9703.

Vacation Bible school

The Main Post Chapel is sponsoring SonZone — vacation Bible school with an interactive, hands-on curriculum where children learn about Jesus. SonZone is scheduled 2:30-5:30 p.m. June 5-9 at the Main Post Chapel. This is for children of all congregations and religions, ages four years through sixth grade.

Children will have fun playing games, making crafts, hearing stories, doing science experiments, singing songs and eating snacks.

Register at the Main Post Chapel or call Kristine at 458-7986.

College board meets

Notice is hereby given to the members of the Cochise College Foundation Board and to the general public that the Board will hold its Annual Meeting open to the public on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Horace Steele Conference Room, Sierra Vista Campus, Cochise College, Sierra Vista.

DOIM computer classes

The Directorate of Information Management has several computer training classes scheduled for June, including HTML on June 7, FormFlow on June 9, Basic Excel on June 12 followed by Advanced Excel on June 13, Outlook on June 14, and PowerPoint on June 15. Windows 95/98 is set for June 19 with Basic Structure & Design on June 20. DOIM finishes up the month with an Access series; Basic Access on June 21, Intermediate Access on June 22 and Advanced Access on June 23. For information or to register for a class, call Pfc. Jamie Gert at 533-2868.

PWOC summer cruise

Join the Protestant Women of the Chapel on a video summer cruise. Come and see the land of the New Testament and participate in group discussion. The study begins June 13, 9:30-11 a.m. (note new summer hours) at the Main Post Chapel. Limited childcare provided to military cardholders. For information, call Sandy at 458-5813.

Mandatory ethics training

All DoD personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually. All new

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employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty. Training sessions will be held 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, June 14.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

ASMC luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly business luncheon June 20 at 11:30 a.m. in La Hacienda Community Club. Featured speaker will be Jeannie A. Davis, Director of the Army's West Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

The lunch menu will be an Italian buffet and salad bar. Cost is \$8 for ASMC members and \$9 for non-members. To make reservations and purchase tickets, ASMC members and guests should contact organizational representatives or buy them at the door. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Military Pay closed

The Defense Military Pay Office (Building 22334) and the In/Out Processing Section (Whitside Hall, Building 41330) will close at noon on June 23 for its annual summer party. Normal business hours will resume on June 26.

Call for papers

The 22nd Army Science Conference has issued a "call for papers." The conference, sponsored by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), will be held at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 12-13. The conference theme is "Accelerating the Pace of Transformation to the Objective Force."

The conference will feature presentations of papers and posters judged as best among those submitted by Army scientists and engineers. Authors of the most outstanding papers will be selected to receive special recognition and awards. The audience will include representatives from academia, industry, U.S. Government and allied nations. For complete information, call TMC Design Corporation at (757) 357-4011 or e-mail asc2000info@aol.com.

Boy Scout’s Eagle project benefits birds, community

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Ilse Beebe smiled as she moved the red-tail hawk, which she is caring for, from the small metal cage into the newly built 18-ft. by 9-ft. aviary. Beebe rehabilitates many hurt animals and she is Federal and Arizona certified. She carries out her work solely on donations and is thankful for any and all help she and her patients receive. She smiles and repeatedly thanks Marcus for the aviary.

Marcus Snell, 15, a member of Fort Huachuca’s Boy Scout Troop 432, recently completed a unique Eagle Scout project. Snell decided to build the aviary for Beebe

To earn the Eagle Scout award, Snell said he had to do something that would impact the community in a positive manner. “The animals, which are throughout Sierra Vista, are part of the community, and in order to co-exist we need to help them,” he said.

Snell, along with the help of some volunteers, built the aviary on May 6. Construction took about eight hours to complete, and “now the birds of prey can exercise their wings and be released back into the wild much sooner,” he said.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest in the Boy Scouts of America program. According to the Boy Scouts of America headquarters in Dallas, Texas, only one out of every 100 Boy Scouts achieves the rank of Eagle Scout.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the individual Scout must first earn 21 merit badges of which 11 are required. Snell has earned 33. The Scout must plan and carry out an approved project that benefits the community. The skills required to carryout such projects are ones that the Scout has learned throughout his years in the Boy Scouts. Some of the skills that Snell used to accomplish his project were organizational, engineering, planning, communication and many more. The only step remaining in his climb to the top is to pass his Eagle Scout Review Board.

The Board will be scheduled sometime in June, he said. Snell believes he will have his Eagle Scout Court of Honor toward the end of summer.

Snell, now in his freshman year at Buena High School, first joined the BSA Program as a Cub Scout at age seven while living in the U.S. Military Community in Worms, Germany. He stayed with the program earning all age



Courtesy photo

Marcus Snell discusses the Eagle project with John Millican of Arizona Fish and Game.

badges (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and WEBELOS) and the Arrow of Light before crossing over to a Boy Scout Troop. Returning to the States and Fort Huachuca, Snell joined his current Troop in 1996.

As a Boy Scout he has held many leadership positions such as Troop Librarian, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, Troop Guide, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. Today he is an instructor for his Troop, teaching those skills he has learned to the younger Boy Scouts.

Snell is the son of Robert and Maggie Snell of Sierra Vista. He has an older brother, Jeff and two younger brothers, Josh, 12, also a Life Scout, and Ryan, 10, who soon will become a Boy Scout.

Snell would like to thank everyone who helped him with this project and knows that the aviary will be put to good use. Special thanks to: John Stokes of Sierra Trush, Scheridan Stone and John Miller from Fort Huachuca, John Millican from the Arizona Fish and Game, Larry Lane and Mr. Bart from Sun Valley Roofing, Brain Wegner, and the following Boy Scouts and parents from Troop 432, Travis Boltz, Ryan Snell, Nick Cunningham, Trevor Granger, Lucas Matyi, Joshua Wallace, Robert Snell, Steve Boltz, Gary Hayashi, Craig Beebe, Maggie Snell.

High fire danger leads to BLM restrictions

BLM release

Due to high fire danger caused by lack of precipitation and high temperatures, the Safford and Tucson offices of the Bureau of Land Management have imposed fire restrictions on public lands in southeastern Arizona. These restrictions cover all BLM-managed lands in Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Apache, and Navajo counties, as well as portions of Gila, Pinal and Pima counties.

Effective immediately, and until rescinded, the following acts are prohibited:

— Building or using a fire, campfire, charcoal broiler or wood stove except in developed camping and picnicking areas. However, the use of propane and petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed.

— Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Violation of this Fire Prevention Order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 12 months. Violators can also be held personally responsible for reimbursement of fire suppression costs. Fire restrictions will likely remain in effect until the summer monsoons. Caution is also urged during other outdoor activities:

— Postpone any outdoor burning until temperatures have cooled and winds are calm; ensure that a water hose is nearby.

— Use chainsaws, welding equipment, and other spark-producing devices with extreme care.

— Dispose of smoking materials properly.

— Avoid driving or parking where a hot catalytic converter could ignite dry grass.

— Maintain a “defensible space” around your home by clearing flammable vegetation within 30 feet of the structure.

Fort’s AFAP 2000 delegates identify top issues affecting local Army Family

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Delegates for the 2000 Fort Huachuca AFAP met last week at the Murr Community Center to look at issues affecting the quality of life here.

According to Gail Mortensen, AFAP Coordinator, the purpose of the symposium is to offer suggestions on issues affecting the total Army family. Through group discussion several ideas emerged covering many of today’s vital concerns.

The most valid of these issues will be transferred up the chain of command for final resolution.

During the symposium, delegates worked in two groups on the following subjects:

Group 1 examined Consumer Services; Housing; and Youth Services. They considered Health Clinics, Army Community Service and Family Support Activities as the most valuable, and stated that that they considered all services are valuable and essential to the Army family.

Army Family Housing

Issue: Housing funding

Scope: Department of Defense forces housing to “spend down” monies at the end of the fiscal year.

Recommendations: Allow housing to carry funding over consecutive fiscal years. Allow housing to run as a business.

Youth Services

Issue 1: Youth Sports volunteers

Scope: Lack of volunteers for coaches on teams.

Recommendations: Give volunteer coaches a discount for his/her first child playing on any team.

Issue 2: High school graduation

Scope: Graduation requirements vary from state to state and district to district. The military family’s increased mobility makes it difficult for high school students to graduate in a timely manner.

Recommendations: DoD needs to coordinate with all public school districts and state departments of education where military installations exist to compile a list of the maximums of the minimum required to meet graduation requirements in these districts and states.

This list should be provided to all military children by the time they are in sixth grade, so they and their parents can make wise choices when selecting courses.

Study guides similar to those prepared for

See Family, Page 9

Thankyou


I would like to relay my thanks to the many people who made AFAP 2000 a success.

There are so many people who were behind the scenes from the very beginning of the process: Paula German and Amy Whitten at MWR Marketing; Stan Williamson from The Fort Huachuca Scout; Karen Jackson, Kaye Smith, Wendy Breen, and Deborah Williams were of tremendous help with administrative details. Expert group facilitators and recorders: Dora McFadden, Joyce Hall, Mary Boyles, Kathy Crawford, Karla Grosinsky and Janet Conrad. Subject matter experts from all over Fort Huachuca, who shared their expertise with the work groups.

And most importantly, thank you to the delegates who took time to come and be a voice for the Army family. Joanna Narburgh, Staff Sgt. Svet Vukomananovich, Delinda Roberts, James Pitts, Shayla Gumbs, Sgt. 1st Class John Buensalido, Denise Buensalido, James Ford, Karen Jackson, Kirsten Botsford, LaToya Lee, Teresa Browne, Karen Van Duren, Heather McBearty, and Vivian Bruns. You can see from the issues generated they worked long and hard.


Thank you and see you at AFAP 2001.

Gail Mortensen
AFAP Coordinator



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June is ‘never shake a baby’ month

MWR release

Babies cry because it is the only way to communicate a need. They do not cry because they are trying to upset us.

However, when you are sleep deprived and your baby has been crying for hours on end, you may find yourself at the end of your rope. You may feel angry, frustrated, tense and you may *feel* like shaking your baby.

While it is normal to have these feelings, it is NEVER okay to shake a baby. Many people do not realize what damage can be caused by shaking a baby. Babies have weak neck muscles and heavy heads. Therefore, when they are shaken, the brain may hit their skull causing internal bleeding. This can also lead to blindness, brain damage (from mild learning disabilities to severe damage), and even death.

By being aware of what damage may occur, we can stop ourselves when we feel frustration building. The best way to cope with a crying baby is to understand why babies cry and have a plan of action on how to help babies when they are crying.

Babies cry because they have a need. Some examples of why a baby might be crying are: wet diaper, too hot, too cold, in pain, sick, hungry, tired, afraid, or sometimes just lonely and needing love and to be held. Remember, babies under six months of age can NOT be spoiled!

Some babies are considered to have “colic”. Colic is a loosely used term referring to a baby that cries for a long time, often in the evening, and is often inconsolable. Their discomfort is sometimes due to an immature nervous system or digestive system. The good news about colic is that it normally resolves itself at the age of three months.

In the meantime however, parents need suggestions on how to calm their colicky baby. It is a good idea for parents challenged with a colicky baby to keep a list of tips handy to refer to. Since most tips won’t work all of the time, it is a good idea to try different combinations of sound and move-

ment to learn what works best for your baby.

Some suggestion on how to calm a colicky baby are: Gently dance and rock your baby to music you like, take your baby for a ride in the car or stroller, use a baby swing, swaddle baby tightly in a warm blanket, walk holding baby or use a front carrier, lay baby across your lap with your legs crossed and rub baby’s back. Be sure to ask friends what worked with their babies and add to your list.

In addition to the examples of why a baby may be crying, some babies seem to have a lot of discomfort from gas. Parents should talk to their pediatrician about over the counter drops for help with gas. Parents of bottle-fed babies should take extra care in bottle positioning to minimize the amount of air swallowed.

Parents of breastfed babies may want to look at the mother’s diet to see if there is something that she may be consuming that is causing the baby more gas. Breastfeeding mothers may want to limit beans, spicy food and caffeine from their diet. Parents should also take extra time to burp their babies well.

If all else fails and your baby will not stop crying, take a break by placing your baby in their crib or bassinet and go in the other room for a few minutes. It is okay if your baby is still crying while you take a few moments to gather yourself. Talk to other adults about your feelings or ask a relative or friend to help.

Some babies require more attention than others. A crying baby does not constitute a failure on your part. Hang in there, things will become easier. Crying is something your baby is sure to outgrow. Damage from shaking is something they will never outgrow. So remember, never, never, shake a baby.

For more information on Shaken Baby Syndrome or ideas for calming a crying baby, contact Laurie Laychak, New Parent Support Program, Army Community Service at 533-6877 or 533-2330.

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Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates



The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout.

Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.

Now hiring child care providers

Family Child Care is currently accepting applications for new Providers. FCC Providers are authorized by the Fort Huachuca Garrison Commander to care for up to six children in their home. Any military spouse who loves children is encouraged to apply. All Providers must attend two weeks of training prior to becoming certified. To learn more about the program go to www.cys.hua.army.mil. Those interested should call 533-2494.



Food handling class

There will be a Food Handling Class at MWR Rents on June 1 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 533-6707.




Raquetball tournament set

BFH will host a Double Elimination Raquetball Tournament June 2-4. This tournament will be conducted in six divisions. Divisions are as follows: A, B, C, Novice, Mixed Doubles and Open Doubles. Entry deadline is May 31 at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 for the first event and \$10 for the second event.

Tournament committee reserves the right to combine divisions and reclassify players as deemed appropriate. For information, call 533-3246.

Basketball courts will close

The basketball courts will be closed from June 1 at 1 p.m. to June 2 at 5 p.m. for the Sergeant Audie Murphy Induction Ceremonies. The basketball courts will also close beginning June 5 for construction. Courts will reopen in July. Weight room, nautilus room, racquetball courts, volleyball and swimming areas will remain open.



Memorial Day trail ride


There's a Memorial Day trail ride Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. Price is \$12 for authorized MWR patrons and \$18 for the general public. Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business Friday. Rides require a minimum of 15 riders. If the minimum is not met, the corral will be closed.

Youth summer programs

Youth Services is offering a summer program for youth ages 11-15. Program begins Tuesday and lasts until school begins. School Age Services is offering a summer program for youths ages 6-12.


Youths in both programs will participate in a variety of recreational and developmental activities. Registrations by appointment only. For information, call 533-0738.





Live Urban Comedy Show

This Saturday, don't miss the Live Urban Comedy Show at LaHacienda. The show will be headlined by Tone X, hosted by Darrell Kyle, opened by Charles Walden and will feature Big Les. This show is adult entertainment. You must be 18 years old and show valid I.D. to enter. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For information, call 533-3802.



A Sporting Clays Fun Shoot will take place this Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$25 per 100 targets.

A Concealed Carry Class will be held on May 31, June 7, 11 & 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$67. Range Day will be held on June 11 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Apache from Page 1

Representatives from the U.S. Army stationed here, were invited to participate by the White Mountain Apache Tribe. The military delegation was lead by Col. Michael Boardman, garrison commander; Maj. Daniel Williams, Public Affairs Officer; Charles Slaymaker, post archeologist; B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial), and the 36th Army Band.

The opening ceremony included a procession with White Mountain Apache Youth Color Guard; White Mountain Apache Community, including Elders and Youth Groups; Families of Apache Scouts; Buffalo Soldiers,

Headquarters, 9 and 10; B Troop; Buffalo Soldiers; Hispanic and Chinese Community representatives and other civilian employees of the military. The Theodore Roosevelt School alumni and staff, with BIA Representatives; dedicated a new flagpole and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in Apache.

Boardman was honored to speak on the past and future partnerships between the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Fort Apache, and Fort Huachuca. Highlights of this presentation included White Mountain Apache sacred and land-use interests at Fort Huachuca, ongoing consultation between the tribe and Fort

Huachuca, and partnering in the future.

Others on the reviewing stand included: Master of Ceremonies Ben Nuvamsa; Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Mary Kim Titla; Grand Marshall, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, former NBA star; Massey, Raymond Stanley, San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman; Dr. Tom Holm; Paul Ethelbaugh; Father Ed Franske; and Phillip Haozous.

In addressing the audience, the Garrison Commander said, "Fort Apache and Fort Huachuca are historically linked since the 1880's." Boardman also said this link is from both traditional and non-traditional concepts

of land-use. He pointed out that Apache Scouts and Buffalo Soldiers were transferred from Fort Apache to Fort Huachuca demonstrates a definite link between our two forts.

The colonel recognized Alchesay, an Apache Scout from the White Mountain Apache Tribe who was awarded the Medal of Honor and has a barracks named for him at Fort Huachuca.

Boardman said that Fort Huachuca was proud to be a part of the reunion and looks forward to maintaining and improving partnerships with the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Fort Apache in the future.

Family from Page 7

SATs and ACTs need to be developed for all state-level high school exit exams.

Group 2 looked at Family Support; Medical/Dental; and Legal/Military Police. They considered the most valuable issues were Medical/Dental, Army Community Service and housing for younger soldiers. Those issues considered the least valuable were TRICARE and the Main PX.

Family Support

Issue 1: Transportation weight limits

Scope: Today's Army family transportation needs are evolving. Weight allowances do not take into account today's diverse and growing Army families.

Recommendations: Make exception to policy to allow additional weight for special situations. i.e.: Exceptional Family Member, Dependent Parent, Blended Families, etc. Grant additional weight ac-

cording to family size. i.e.: young and entering soldiers have families.

Issue 2: Information dissemination

Scope: Information about Army/Family Support programs is available, yet it is not reaching the intended individuals.

Recommendations: The existing sponsorship program needs to be enforced. i.e.: Inspector General inspection/checklist, chain of command involvement. Continue to link all installations and services to DoD homepage and update quarterly.

Medical/Dental Care

Issue: Comprised health care

Scope: Military families with extenuating circumstances, (disabled/extended family members with limited military ID) are facing the loss of existing limited medical services. This is a direct result of continued medical realignment.

Recommendations: Maintain full clinic on post. Offer "retiree-like" programs at soldier's expense to families with extenuating circumstances.

Group three examined Soldier Support, and Morale, Welfare & Recreation. They listed as the most valuable benefits the Commissary, the Pharmacy at the Post Exchange, and the Health Clinics on post. Their least valuable services were the Medical/Dental system for dependents, the bank, and cable services.

Soldier Support

Issue 1: Current sponsorship program is not being enforced, Army-wide

Scope: Sponsorship program is inconsistently applied Army-wide. Many soldiers arriving at new installations after hours are not given assistance. They do not have transportation, billeting information, P.O.C. numbers, maps of in-

stallation or reporting instructions.

Recommendations: Provide sponsorship checklist to the sponsor to be submitted to unit commander upon completion. After in-processing, provide sponsorship evaluation to incoming soldier to be completed and submitted to unit commander. Encourage chain of command participation in sponsorship program.

Issue 2: Restricted ACAP services

Scope: Services are restricted to those who are only 6 - 9 months away from ETS. This increases difficulty of transition to civilian life.

Recommendation: Revise contract to permit use of services for personnel who are 18 months away from ETS.

Issue 3: Overseas POV shipment

Scope: Dropping off or retrieving POV when leaving or returning from an

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Photos by Sgt. Cullen James

The Army 101 media attendees march single file into Riley Barracks for the command brief which was given by Col. Michael Boardman, garrison commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.



**By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff**

“We’re building better Americans here, not just better soldiers,” boomed an imposing figure topped by a campaign hat. He turned, pivoting precisely on his highly polished boots, inspecting the 12 people he was there to indoctrinate.

That’s how members of Southeastern Arizona newspaper, radio and television media were introduced to Fort Huachuca and the Army. The introduction, followed by briefings, site visits and a run on the Grenade Assault Course were part of “Army 101” media training. The day-long induction was intended to give local media a taste of what the Army and Fort Huachuca are all about.

A little after 8 a.m. May 18, the drill sergeant, with three of his cohorts, began the training with a formal welcome. Using a command voice for every spoken word, the drill sergeants quickly organized the group into a formation, ensuring their positions of attention were correct and that they were hanging on every word.

“Loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. These are the Army’s core values,” said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Green, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion senior drill sergeant. “If you are not familiar with these values, you will be before you leave here today.”

The media members, some smiling, some holding back laughter, quickly snapped into shape and the drill sergeants gave them an idea of what basic trainees and advanced in-

dividual training students go through on “hell day,” their first day of training.

“The drill sergeants, oh gosh, that was a surprise,” said Eileen Kuns, from Sierra Vista radio station KKYZ. “It was really good though. It gives an idea of what the young soldiers go through. The drill sergeants were very serious though, and they were always very professional.”

After the initial “formation,” the media ran onto the tour bus and were taken to Riley Barracks where they received a command briefing from Col. Michael Boardman, garrison commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. From there, they visited the unmanned aerial vehicle site at Black Tower, were introduced to military intelligence students at Walker Hall, had lunch at Virginia Dining Facility, were picked up in humvees by the 11th Signal Brigade, and finished the day by attacking the Grenade Assault Course.

“We [held the training] for three reasons, really,” said Tanja Linton, media relations specialist, post Public Affairs Office, and event co-organizer. “Part of the reason ... we were having a hard time getting media from Tucson to cover Fort Huachuca. A lot of reporters were reading my press releases but had never been here. I wanted to get them here to see what we’re all about.

“Another reason was, I was getting sick of seeing Davis Monthan (Air Force Base) on the news all the time. With Davis Monthan right there in Tucson ... the reporters give them a lot of coverage. I found that they speak Air Force, but they don’t speak Army. They’d try and use Air Force



Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Green, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion senior drill sergeant, and his fellow drill sergeants whip the media members into military formation first thing in the early morning.

Right: Media inductees get the low down on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles from UAV spokesperson Staff Sgt. Joe Cerreta.



Tired, worn, Jim Maurer exits the first barbed-wire obstacle at the

Local media outlets ‘join’ the Army for better understanding

lingo to try and explain Army things. Part of what we’re trying to accomplish was to try and get them to speak Army and better understand the Army mission.

“Sort of the third reason was so I, and the office, could get to know some of the media better,” Linton explained.

“It was a great day,” said Kuns. “It really gave me better insight into what the soldiers do here at Fort Huachuca.”

“It was great [public relations] for the fort,” said Jim Maurer, editor, Mountain View News, and retired Army linguist. “As I talked to [the other media representatives] I could see they got a better understanding of Fort Huachuca and what the Army is.”

From the flight line to the grenade course, media members were allowed a hands-on approach to everything they saw. “I didn’t want this to be another ‘tea party’ with the commanders,” Linton said. “Those [kind of briefings] are nice, but they’re not the best way to accomplish the [media relations] mission. I was trying to get away from ‘death by PowerPoint.’

“We set up everything in a very tongue-in-cheek manner. The invitations we sent out had a fun feel to them, and those that didn’t RSVP got a memorandum saying something like, ‘Although you disobeyed a direct order we’re not going to court martial you. We’d really like to see you at our Army 101 day ...’ it was all meant to be fun,” Linton explained.

For the media, those familiar with the Army and those not, it was a chance to see how the Army trains and for them to actually experience a part of it.

“The hand grenade course was the most challenging part of the day,” Kuns said. Media members were given a class on Army hand grenades and were shown the post’s grenade course. They were given hollow training aids (no pyrotechnics allowed because of the dry climate) and negotiated the trail in two-person teams.

“The course was a killer, but I really got an appreciation for what the Army does,” Kuns explained.

“The best part of the day for me were the UAVs,” said Maurer. “I was definitely impressed by the technological aspects and training given to soldiers today.

“The hand grenade course was just like the old stuff,” Maurer said.

The grenade course and UAVs were what drew the media to the event, according to Linton. “We wanted this to be fun,” she said.

“There’s learning about the Army and there’s learning with fun. We wanted to kind of tap into the little ‘G.I. Joe’ spirit that’s inside all of us,” Linton added.

The Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office considers the event a big success and is already getting together plans for next year’s training. “[Sgt. 1st Class LaToya] Sizer [non-commissioned officer in charge, post PAO] really helped me get this event off the ground,” Linton said. “It had been a gleam in my eye for over a year, and she made it happen.

“By the response we got back, we achieved all the goals we set out to do,” Linton explained. “We’re already planning on how we can make next year’s Army 101 even better.”



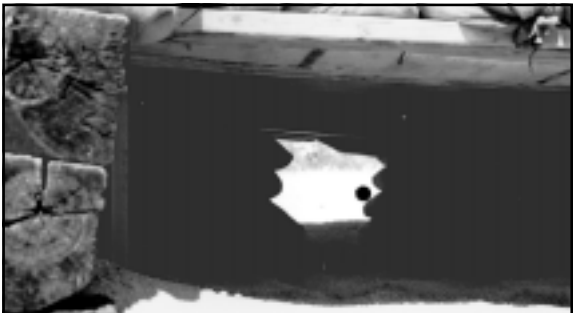
Jim Maurer, editor, Mountain View News, and retired Army linguist, puts together a web belt prior to challenging the Grenade Assault Course.



Media folk challenge the Grenade Assault Course.



Jim Becker, from Tucson television station KOLD, starts the Grenade Assault Course.



Media folk finished the Army 101 training at the end of the assault course by first high-crawling to the final grenade station, a bunker, and then tossing a grenade into the bunker.

Top ten reasons to become an FCC provider

By Syretha O. Storey
CYS release

The Fort Huachuca Family Child Care program is currently recruiting new providers. Our program is open to military spouses who reside on Fort Huachuca or within the Sierra Vista area. By becoming a member of our team, you will gain the following benefits:

1. Ownership of your own business. Fort Huachuca FCC providers are individual businesses monitored by Child and Youth Services.

2. Training and support to start your FCC business. Our program is staffed with highly qualified professionals who are trained to guide you through the process of starting your business. We will ensure you have the necessary support and information to make your business a success.

3. Access to the FCC lending library. The Fort Huachuca FCC Program sponsors a lending library for certified Providers. The library has an inventory of most supplies and materials necessary for a new Provider to start their business at a minimal cost.

4. Ongoing training. The Department of the Army supports FCC providers throughout their career by offering varied levels and types of training. This training ensures that Providers are kept abreast of the current trends in early childhood education.

5. Opportunities for college credit. Through a unique partnership with Central Arizona College, Fort Huachuca FCC Providers can earn an associates degree in early childhood education while serving as a FCC Provider.

6. Quality time with your children while earning

an extra income. FCC offers military spouses an opportunity to earn extra income while staying home with their children. Each Fort Huachuca FCC home (on and off post) is authorized to care for a total of six children. Provider's whose children are under eight years of age are counted in this number. Last year, our Provider's earned an average of \$300 per child, per month in parent fees.

7. USDA reimbursements. Our FCC providers provide two meals and one snack per day for children enrolled in their care. U.S. Department of Agriculture provides a structured reimbursement schedule for providers to help recoup the cost of providing this service. This income is in addition to parent fees.

8. Referral services for your business. As part of our service to you, the Child Development Services Central Registry Office registers and maintains children's records for your business. In addition, the office refers your business to parents whose needs match your services.

9. Transferable training. As a FCC Provider, you must complete training only once. This training is transferable to any Army installation with a FCC Program. This is an ideal career for any military spouse.

10. Camaraderie and friendship. Through our program you will meet and work with approximately 30 other military spouses who also desire to earn extra income while meeting the needs of their family

To find out more about our program check us out at www.cys.hua.army.mil/fcc.htm or www.syretha.com or stop by and see us at Murr Community Center. Interested parties can submit an interest survey to the FCC office

Fort's FCC program accepting applications

FCC release

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is currently accepting applications for new Providers. FCC Providers are authorized by the Fort Huachuca Garrison Commander to care for up to six children in their home.

Any military spouse who loves children and desires to earn an extra income while staying home with their children is encouraged to apply. All Providers must attend a two-week training prior to becoming certified. Our next class is scheduled for June 19-30 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prior to attending training, interested spouses need to attend the FCC Info Briefing on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Murr Community Center.

To learn more about our program, visit www.cys.hua.army.mil.

Any interested military spouses should contact the FCC office at 533-2494 or e-mail Syretha Storey at storeys@huachuca-emh1.army.mil or Mary Jane LaValley at lavalley@huachuca-emh1.army.mil. Space is limited; interested individuals should inquire immediately.

via www.syretha.com. A member of our staff will contact you once we receive your submission.

If you would like to learn more about our program, our staff is available for scheduled tours of our current FCC homes. To make an appointment with us for a tour, call 533-2498 or 533-2494.

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overseas assignment is a significant burden on soldiers and their families.

This additional stress, on top of a PCS move, contributes to declining morale among the soldiers and family members. When considering this issue factor in not only the cost of travel expenses (mileage & per diem), but also the cost of duty time lost.

Recommendations: Provide option for land based transportation of POV to or from duty station to or from point of embarkation or debarkation.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Issue 1: Quality/variety of entertain-

ment at installation clubs

Scope: Installation clubs and organizations cater to the interest of our more mature audience and lack variety in entertainment.

Recommendations: Survey all clientele served by the installation clubs. Target each audience with a variety of quality entertainment.

Issue 2: Funding of MWR activities

Scope: Many MWR activities have declined or been eliminated due to a congressional prohibition on the use of appropriated funds for certain activities. Virtually every specific MWR shortfall our

group identified; such as inadequate hours, terrible conditions and Army-community sharing agreements; stemmed from this lack of funding.

We believe that declining facilities and activities are directly related to the declining morale of the military communities and sagging retention rates of soldiers.

Recommendations: Change the law to permit the use of appropriated funds for MWR Activities. Insure adequate funding of these activities to provide all users with quality community services and activities at affordable prices.

Issue 3: The military travel

contractor's pricing, customer service and accessibility.

Scope: The military community believes that Carlson-Wagonlit does not offer the most competitive prices available. Their hours are not convenient nor are their services accessible after regular work hours.

Recommendations: Require the contractor to research and offer the lowest fare. Change hours of operation now as Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., to Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Provide a telephone number for after hours emergency travel.

